



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Colonial National Historical Park
Post Office Box 210
Yorktown, Virginia 23690

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January 28, 2005

Mr. James O. McReynolds
County Administrator
County of York
P.O. Box 532
Yorktown, Virginia 23690-0532

Dear Mac:

Under the terms of the Yorktown Land Exchange Programmatic Agreement (April 2004), the proposed construction of a building to house the Yorktown Fifes and Drums Corps required additional Section 106 review by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The SHPO has concurred that the proposed building will have a "no adverse effect" on the historic properties of Colonial National Historical Park. You may now proceed with the project.

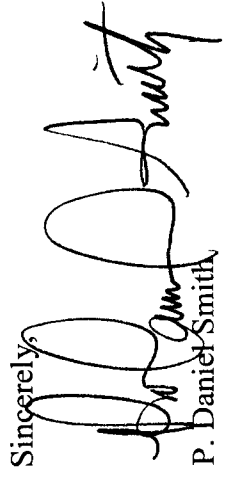
Enclosed are copies of the concurrence letter from the SHPO, a copy of the NPS project review comments to the architects and the actions taken by the architects in response (and marked up by the NPS) and one set of marked up drawings. You will note that some of the review comments are still outstanding. We are unable to send additional sets of drawings as we received a very limited number for review by the NPS and SHPO. Therefore, we recommend that you get additional copies from the Fifes and Drums Corps President, Walt Akers.

Please note on Sheets A-1 and A-2 that in order to meet ADA standards, our regional historical architect directed that the Corps Office be located on the first floor and that the second floor be used for storage of supplies and uniforms. We have also requested the use of black exterior light fixtures similar to the ones on existing NPS historic properties. The architect was previously provided with page cuts.

We would appreciate the opportunity to review the final drawings after the County has completed its consultation with the architect. At that time, we can discuss the location of the staging area, use of the Church Street Parking Lot, number of drawing copies for the park files and other matters.

Please send any drawings or correspondence to P. Daniel Smith, Superintendent, Colonial National Historical Park, P.O. Box 210, Yorktown, VA 23690.

Sincerely,



P. Daniel Smith
Superintendent

Enclosures



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January 14, 2005

Dr. Ethel R. Eaton
Office of Review and Compliance
Virginia Department of Historic Resources
2801 Kensington Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23221

Dear Dr. Eaton:

The County of York is proposing to construct a building to house the private non-profit Yorktown Fifes and Drums Corps. The project will be built on National Park Service (NPS) property under an easement approved by the Yorktown Land Exchange with York County in 2003. The Yorktown Fifes and Drums Corps provide additional interpretive activities through regularly scheduled programs to the public at no fee. The building will be used only for the administrative purposes of the Corps and will not be open to the general public. The Fifes and Drums Corps are responsible for completing the drawings and specifications for approval from the NPS and York County.

The area of potential effect is Lot 32 located on Church Street across from the NPS Church Street parking lot. According to the 1993 Colonial NHP General Management Plan (GMP), Lot 32 straddles the Main Street Adaptive Use and the Support districts. The goal of the Main Street Adaptive Use district is to use existing buildings and possibly new buildings for activities compatible with and complementary to historic Yorktown. The Support District provides facilities needed for visitor use or administration. The GMP specifies that new buildings will conform to "Design Compatibility in Historic Zones or Districts." NPS cultural resource management guidelines say that contemporary structures built in historic districts should harmonize with existing structures and blend with, rather than duplicate or mimic, historic structures. The design of the Fifes and Drums building meets these criteria and also conforms to York County's *Yorktown Historic District and Design Guidelines (Adopted December 2, 2003; effective June 1, 2004)*. The following mitigating measures have been taken:

1. The archeological survey of Lot 32 completed by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, *Archaeological Assessment of Six Lots in Yorktown, Virginia* (2001) found that the lot appears to be devoid of any historic cultural layers or features and concluded that any additional construction would not have a detrimental impact on archeological resources.

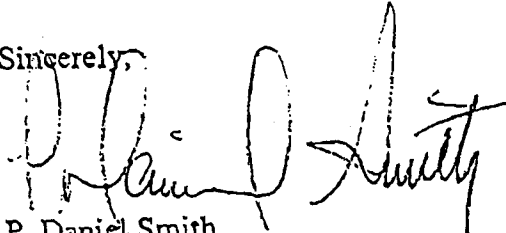
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2. The design of the new building will conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation and to the NPS Cultural Resource Management Guidelines and to the York County *Yorktown Historic District and Design Guidelines (Adopted December 2, 2003; effective June 1, 2004)*.
3. The scale, mass and materials of the new building are compatible with nearby historic structures. The exterior of the building will be white cement board with architectural shingles in the color Estate Gray.
4. Utilities will be hooked up from existing utility lines on Church Street.
5. Parking will be in the existing NPS Church Street parking lot.
6. All existing trees will remain and will be protected.

The park's 106 advisors have reviewed the project and find it will have no adverse effect on historic properties. Their findings, photographs and maps are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the NPS project review comments to the architects and the actions taken by the architects in response. Some of the review comments are still outstanding and will be provided to York County who will complete review of the project, after the SHPO's concurrence, for compliance with the County requirements and regulations.

Under the terms of the Yorktown Land Exchange Programmatic Agreement (April 2004), we request your concurrence with our finding of no adverse effect at your earliest possible convenience. If you have any objections, please notify Jane M. Sundberg, 106 Coordinator as soon as possible. Her telephone number is (757) 898-2415. Please address your response to P. Daniel Smith, Superintendent, Colonial National Historical Park, P.O. Box 210, Yorktown, VA 23690.

Sincerely,



P. Daniel Smith
Superintendent

Enclosures (sent under separate cover)

I concur that the proposed construction of the Fifes and Drums Building on Lot 32 in Yorktown, Virginia will have a "no adverse effect" on historic properties.



Ethel R. Eaton
Manager, Office of Review and Compliance

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Date



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April 12, 2005

Amy Parker
York County Planning Division
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Yorktown, Virginia 23690

In reference to the site plan for the new Fife & Drum Building to be located on Church Street in Yorktown, the National Park Service will make available for use 27 parking spaces in the parking lot adjacent to the new building site.

The parking area situated between Church Street and Read Street presently provides parking for Park Rangers at the Dispatch office and for visitors to Historic Yorktown. The intended parking use by the Fife & Drum Corps can easily be absorbed at this parking area.

If you need additional information, please contact me at 757-898-2401.

Sincerely,

P. Daniel Smith
Superintendent